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sue our Rambles, and talk over matters as usual.

Even those mice you have just now left behind you, afford something worthy of your observation. These little animals undoubtedly do a good deal of mischief in kitchens and pantries; but they often pay dear for the dainties they meet with, as they sometimes feel the talons of Miss Puss, who, if she once lays hold of them, is sure to break their bones and devour them.

Bless me, what a pretty little field-mouse is running along there! I thought it would be too nimble for you, Billy, and that you would not be able to catch it. Now, there is a great deal of difference between a house mouse and a field mouse, not so much in their shape as in their art and cunning; for Providence has given to the meanest animal a something, which makes them sensible of their wants, and the means by which they

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they are to satisfy them, even in the future, as well as the present.

The house mice never give themselves any concern about laying up winter stores, because the pantries and cellars supply them with a constant succession of provisions. They live too on greater dainties than the field mice; but they run greater dangers from the talons of Miss Puss; so that what the field mouse wants in luxury, is made up by the safety attending his situation. And here let me observe to you, my little dears, that you will, as you grow up, find it much the same all through life, that the highest stations are generally the most dangerous, and the middle states most secure.

The field mice, who in summer know that winter will come, always lay up a stock against the approach of frost and snow. They build their houses under ground with much art and elegance. Their cells have a free communication with each other, and each is appropriated

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